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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action mailed May 18, 2004, applicant elects the invention of Group I (claims 1-23 and 35-39) drawn to a hook-engageable composite material. In response to the Examiner's election of species requirements, applicant elects a non-woven fabric as the hook-engageable material (claims 4-7, 16-21, 25, 26 and 29) and corrugated board as the substrate (claims 10-12). Claims 1-3, 9-15, 23 and 35-39 are generic. The election is made without traverse.

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